

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

Minutes and report of meeting of Council held at R.A.C.V. Headquarters, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne, on Monday 20th November, 1978. Commencing 7pm.

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Present:

Mr. M. Rundle (Chairman)
Messrs J. Bainbridge
N. Black
E.J.J. Long
J. Mason
B. Macintosh
O. Slattery
J. Rigby (Hon. Treasurer)
W.W. Rawlinson (Executive Officer)

Apologies:

Messrs K. Currey
J.F. Rourke
I. Wood

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Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of Council held 23rd October, 1978 having been circulated were received. Subject to correction of "Commercial Government Milk Co-op" to "Commercial Goat Milk Producers Co-operative Under the minute" Advisory Council", the minutes were adopted as a correct record.

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Matters arising:

3.i. Joint Secretariat

The Chairman advised that the Joint Secretariat has commenced operations as planned on the 1st November, 1978.

3.ii C.F.A. Council

A meeting of the Federal Council is to be held in Melbourne on Monday 27th November, 1978.

3.iii Social Function

The Chairman advised Council that arrangements had been completed for a self financing social function for Councilors and Wives on Tuesday November 28th, 1978.

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Election of Officers:

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The following office bearers were elected;
President Mr. M. Rundle

This position to be reviewed at the April 1979 meeting.

Vice President Mr. O. J. Slattery

Secretary W.W. Rawlinson

Representatives to Mr. E. Long
Council C.F.A. Mr. B. Macintosh

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The Council indicated its desire for a continuation of the C.F.A. committees as presently constituted but, in view of the subject being an agenda item for the next meeting of the C.F.A. Council, agreed to defer further consideration and nominations until the December meeting

5. Financial:

5.i Statement showing the following balances was tabled;

Bank	\$4911.59
Deposit, Y.C.W.	\$5000.00

5.ii The following accounts were passed for payment;

Security Housing - postage	\$53.80
C.F.A. - postage, stationery	\$21.57
C.F.A. subscription	1.7.78 -
	31.10.78 <u>1000.00</u>
	<u>\$1075.37</u>

5.iii Bank Signatures.

Council agreed to add the name of Mr. Rawlinson to the existing list of Bank Signatories.

It was further agreed that cheques will be signed by the Treasurer (Mr. Rigby) or Executive Officer (Mr. Rawlinson) and one other of the Authorised signatories.

6. Correspondence: Outwards

To Registrar expressing appreciation for and making formal application for grant of \$2,500.

Inwards

From Postal Institute
Settlement Co-operative requesting support for amendment of Co-operation Act relating to investment provisions.

Council agreed:

i. Further information be sought as to reasons for request.

ii. Information be sought from V.C.C.A. on specific proposals advanced by that member for investment provision amendments.

iii. The subject be discussed with the Registrar.

7. Executive Officers Report:

Mr. Rawlinson expressed appreciation to Councillors, Mr. Maybury and Mr. Rigby for all the warm hearted assistance given on taking up his new duties.

269 introductory letters over the Presidents signature had been posted to Co-operatives listed in Federation files, of these 149 were Credit Unions. 127 were country based, 49 were city based, 93 suburban addressed Co-operatives.

Meetings have been held with the Registrar and some major Co-operatives top executives Mr. Rawlinson recommended the printing of promotional material and application forms

7. Executive Officers Report:

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for membership of the Federation.

Council agreed that initial promotional material be relatively simple in content, be off set printed and after clarification of community attitudes and Federation policies more sophisticated material be prepared.

The President was authorised to approve the promotional material.

Mr. Rawlinson further recommended the development of a firm viable plan for future development of the Federation where practical policies, objectives and means of achieving them are spelled out.

8. V.C.C.A. Corporate Plan Proposals:

The Council discussed the proposal in detail and agreed;

i. A ceiling cost for development of business plan be set.

ii. A provisional date for the inaugural session, for development of a plan be the weekend of March 3rd, 1979.

iii. That Messrs. Macintosh, Bainbridge and Rawlinson produce firm proposals in this matter for consideration of the December, 1978 meeting of Council.

9. Brotherhood of St. Laurence:

Mr. Long reported receipt of a letter from the Brotherhood advising an interim report had been completed on the Subject of Man power options for disadvantaged Workers and requesting its study by the C.F.V. before advancing to the preparation of a final report. Council agreed the interim report should be studied by Messrs. Long and Rawlinson with reference to the President if considered desirable.

10. Report from Advisory Council:

10.i Mr. Long reported the Victorian Government had approved a grant of \$4,000 towards the cost of holding a top level Co-operative Leaders Conference and meetings of the I.C.A. Regional Council for S.E. Asia in Australia in 1979.

10.ii He reported that the last meeting of the Advisory Council had been entirely concerned with consideration of new applications for Government Guarantees for Co-operatives.

10.iii He also reported on the present position of the Commercial Goat Milk Producers Co-operative now in liquidation.

11. C.F.A. Council
Meeting:


The Council considered the agenda for the next meeting of the Federal Council including a draft submission on Co-operative legislation to the South Australian Government enquiry on this subject.

12. Next Meeting:

The Chairman welcomed an offer from Mr. Rourke that future meetings of the Council be held in the offices of ACMAL, at 566 St. Kilda Road, The next meeting was set for Monday 18th December, 1978 commencing 7 pm. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50pm.

13. Close:

Confirmed:

 18/12/78